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intimation from him what he was to say. Before he was half through every official and clerk in the courthouse had hurried to the courtroom, and the audience declared that the expression of bewilderment on the face of Colonel Anthony was exceeded in intensity only by the seraphic smile of self-satisfaction upon the face of Mr. Atwood.

Before the lawyer was half through Judge Meyer scarcely could control himself, and the audience was laughing outright. And it is even recalled that Colonel Anthony smiled when the court gave him the decision.—Law Notes.

IN VACATION.

A Thriving Law Office.—This little example of Irish wit was related at a recent dinner of the Wheel Club:

A newly-landed son of Erin was gaping along a New York street when he chanced to turn into the office of a lawyer, thinking it was a store. He was considerably impressed with the fine furnishings, and approaching the only occupant of the room, a man busy at a desk, asked:

"Could you tell me what you sell here in this fine place?"

"Certainly," was the retort, uttered in rather an impatient tone. "We sell blockheads."

The Irishman looked around and nodded in understanding.

"Sure and you must have a fine trade, I'm thinking," he commented. "You have but one lift."

An Explanation of the Difference.—Recently the St. Paul Baptist Church, of Brookhaven, Mississippi, property of a colored congregation, was destroyed by fire. The tracks of the Illinois Central Railroad Company were directly in front of the church building, which was on the west side of the track, and almost directly in front of the church, on the opposite side of the track, stood a saw-mill plant.

Upon the day the church building was burned, sparks were emitted from the smokestacks of a passing locomotive, and from the smokestacks of the sawmill.

The St. Paul Baptist Church sued the railroad company, alleging that its church building was destroyed by sparks from the railroad company's locomotives. The railroad company plead that the church building was destroyed by sparks from the smokestacks of the lumber company, or from some other cause.

The plaintiff opened its case and introduced as its first witness

a negro who was clothed with the title of trustee and deacon. He was much impressed with the importance of the occasion, and, after being sworn, testified as follows:

Q. How far was the church from the track?

A. I don't just remember, but—

Q. Well, about how far? Was it as far as the sawmill?

A. The sawmill is further than the church. It's 10 or 15 foot difference in each side.

Mr. R. L. McLaurin, of Vicksburg, Mississippi (to opposing counsel). Take the witness.

Cross-examination by Mr. T. Brady, Jr., of Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Q. What is it that is 10 or 15 foot?

A. Difference in the length of the church from each side of the railroad.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. I mean, that it's further on one side over on the east side of the railroad—difference in the east side and west side—there is 10 or 15 foot difference in the length of them.

Q. Length of what?

A. Difference there is in them.

Q. Length of the difference?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is the difference?

A. I couldn't tell you exactly unless I had a statement of it.

Q. Do you really know what you are talking about?

A. Yes, sir; I know.

Q. Well, explain it.

A. I'll explain what I am talking about. I mean to tell you that on the railroad side where the sawmill is, it's further from the railroad than the railroad is from the church on the other side.

Q. You mean to say that the sawmill is further from the railroad than the church is from the railroad?

A. I mean to tell you that the sawmill is further back from the church than the sawmill on this side of the church is from the railroad. I'll show you what I'm talking about. Here's the sawmill over here (using a blotter for an illustration). I mean to say that the sawmill over here is further back from the railroad here than the church is over there from the railroad on the other side. You caught my idea? (Prolonged Laughter.)

Q. I didn't know whether you had any or not.

A. That's what I'm trying to show you. (Crowd Roared.)

Q. You have succeeded. (Continued Laughter.)—Case and Comment.